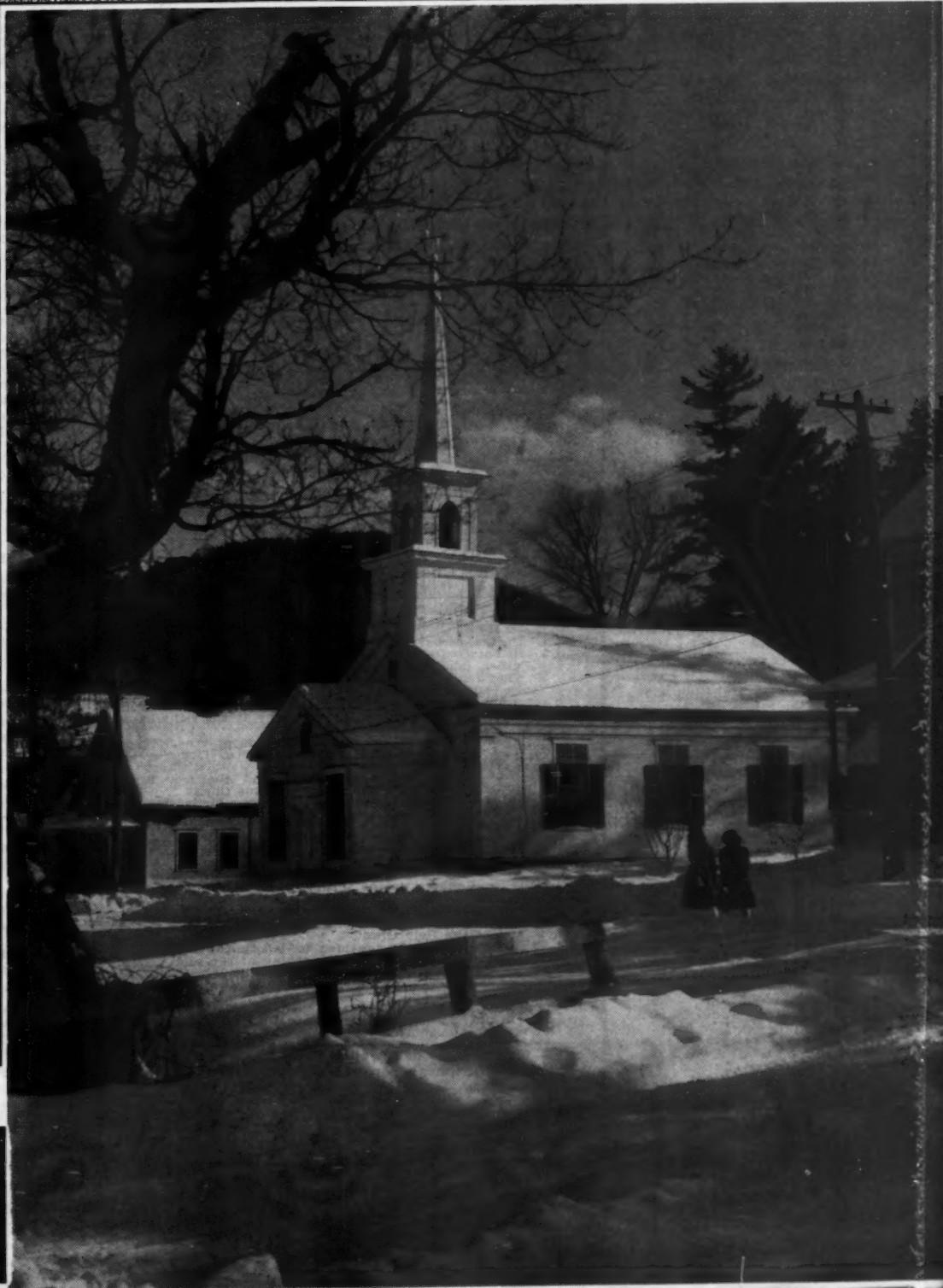




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the Readers' response

To the Evangel Editor:

I am a reader of the Evangel and like every item in it. I always look forward for the sermons by different ministers. I think we need more educated but not formal ministers.

Name withheld.

To the Evangel Editor:

I am glad that God is helping you as Editor of the Evangel. Remembrance, edification is always expedient, but the keynote is praise to Him. Here is the strength of the magazine.

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I enjoy the Evangel very much. I like the messages written by ministers. I especially like the "Father-Son" series. The Evangel is a good paper to read.

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Mrs. E. T. Farabee,
Oakland Park, Florida.

To the Evangel Editor:

Thank you for the copies of Evangel for November 8 containing one of my articles, "The Touch of His Hand." I am glad to see this paper again, and think you are doing a splendid job on it. Your press work is so attractive and the layout is interesting.

Chester Shuler,
Huntingdon, Pennsylvania.

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next week

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To the Evangel Editor:

I have just completed reading the November 15 issue of the Evangel, and I think it is the best one we have had for a long time. I think it is wonderful that we have such Spirit-filled ministers in our own ranks who are able to feed our souls on the deeper things of God's Word that help us to grow in the Lord and become stronger Christians.

Maude McDaniel,
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To the Evangel Editor:

I like the "new Evangel" very much. I think it is inspiring. Each week we look forward to receiving the spiritual news it contains.

(Rev.) Thomas R. Culp,
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To the Evangel Editor:

I must say I have only one complaint with the Evangel and that is that it does not come daily instead of weekly. I enjoy it very much, for when I am discouraged I can read it and receive so much good from it, and when on the mountain top I can still read it and find just what my soul needs for the next valley I am going through. I would not be without it.

Mrs. H. J. Seybold,
Sunfield, Michigan.

To the Evangel Editor:

I want to say a few words about the Church of God Evangel. It is a wonderful paper, and has been a welcome guest in our home for many years. It would be difficult to be without it. Every page brings a blessing to our hearts. Our prayer is that it might find its way into many homes, not only Christian homes, but homes of the unsaved. We believe that if every born-again child of God would take it to heart, it could be done. I do not believe it would hurt anyone to take \$1.50 and send one subscription to some relative or friend who might be having many problems. Let us do our best for Christ.

Mrs. Gust Reese,
Bend, Oregon

To the Evangel Editor:

I want to compliment the nice way the Evangel's are coming to us, that is, the two column arrangement and the reading material you are using. I especially liked the series of "The Marks of a Living Church;" also, the many fine sermons by our very own tried, trusted, and able ministers have been food to my soul.

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Pastor,
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WITH BLIND DISREGARD

We're guilty . . . ! Like the Romans Before the Fall

By PIERCE HARRIS



OR 10 OR 15 YEARS people have been saying to me, "Why don't you write a book?" Well, for one thing, I've never thought I had anything to write about. There's a big difference in having to write something—and having something to write.

Another thing, the very thought of writing a hundred thousand words gave me a sharp pain in the small of my back, and the muscles between my shoulder blades would bunch up in little hard knots like hickory nuts. I'd have to take two aspirin tablets and a nap before I could recover from the shock of the thought.

Then, I had an idea. It came about accidentally. Here's the way I came to use it.

I was invited down to Covington, Georgia, to address the Kiwanis Club, and let the day slip up on me without getting any speech ready. On the way down there, I happened to think of the five reasons Gibbon, the historian, gives for the decline and fall of the Roman Empire. I thought if I could get five good jokes to fit each section and then a pretty good illustration to finish with, I might get by.

Soon after getting home, I had half a dozen letters—or more—from men in Covington asking me to send the five reasons. I was surprised. Even after making the speech, I wasn't particularly impressed—which means it must not have been much of a speech.

When I started writing the things down, the parallels between what DESTROYED Rome and what is going on in our country at this very time were absolutely astonishing. I WAS impressed.

Not long after that, I was invited to address a national convention in Atlantic City. I decided to use the "Roman Empire outline"—and did. When I got back to my room at the Claridge Hotel, there were eight slips with telephone calls, and I didn't know a living soul in Atlantic City. I called them back. All eight of them were members of the convention wanting the "Five reasons for the fall of the Roman Empire." When I got home, I had more than 100 letters from all over the United States asking for "the five reasons." Since then, I have used the same outline at conventions from New York to Miami and always there has been a flood of cards and letters asking for the outline.

My secretary has mailed hundreds of them, and hardly a week passes but from somewhere over the United States comes a request for the information. I couldn't HELP being impressed. "History strikes at least TWICE in the same place" may be only a saying, but the parallels between the fall of Rome and the present pattern of life in America have shocked a lot of people to our possible danger.

I may never finish the whole book. I still feel that twinge in my back—but if I should, it would be entitled "WITH BLIND DISREGARD . . ." and is lifted from one of the reasons Gibbon gives for the fall of Rome. But it also catches up the implications of our smug, phlegmatic complacency in the face of our decaying home life, our

high taxes and wasteful, needless expenditure of public funds, our rabid, fanatical hunger for excitement, our "political" pressure for armaments and "blind disregard" for destructive elements building up INSIDE our country—all these glaring defects in our present pattern, which also showed in the Roman picture—are vivid and vibrant in the title—"WITH BLIND DISREGARD . . ."

IN ORDER to have the whole picture before us, even before we start, I want to set down here the reasons history gives for the fall of ROME and let you see for yourself the astonishing parallels. You TOO will be shocked. Here they are:

1. "THE ALARMING INCREASE IN DIVORCE AND THE BREAKING UP OF THE ROMAN HOME"—and we lead the world. Any jury of our peers would find us guilty, as charged.

2. "HIGHER AND HIGHER TAXES, UNTIL THE LOAD BECAME UNBEARABLE, WHILE OFFICIALS OF THE EMPIRE CONTINUED TO SPEND PUBLIC FUNDS WITH RECKLESS INDIFFERENCE." Like a lie from today's paper.

3. "A MAD DESIRE FOR EXCITEMENT WHICH LED TO ALL SORTS OF MORAL EXTRAVAGANCES WHICH FINALLY ENGULFED THE EMPIRE AND DESTROYED IT." You write your own ticket—but we are GUILTY.

4. "INCREASED POLITICAL PRESSURE FOR ARMAMENTS, BUT WITH (here it is) BLIND DISREGARD FOR THE DESTRUCTIVE ELEMENTS BUILDING UP INSIDE THE EMPIRE." We stand in such trembling fear of Russia, we forget we are much more likely to destroy OURSELVES, than to BE destroyed from the outside.

5. "A DECLINE IN RELIGION AND A WITHHOLDING OF SUPPORT FROM CHARACTER-BUILDING INSTITUTIONS." Now, ladies and gentlemen—my fellow Americans—with all our faults—we are NOT GUILTY! Here is our open door—our way of escape. Read these five reasons again, then follow me along. FINALLY, we'll come to the OPEN DOOR.—*The Atlanta Journal*.

(Editor's Note) The disturbing subject Doctor Harris deals with in this article has been expanded into a full-length book, as he has mentioned here. The name of the book is *Spiritual Revolution* and is published by Doubleday Company, Inc. The book is "a call to moral action in our time." In the book he draws a disturbing and provocative analogy between the decay and deterioration of the Roman Empire and our American civilization of today. There are 191 pages of soul-searching observation and wisdom capped with encouraging guidance toward the way out. The chapter titles of Doctor Harris' book are (1) Hazards to Modern Home Life, (2) Taxes and the Socialist State, (3) Quest for Excitement, (4) Destructive Elements Inside the Empire, (5) Religion—and the Young Republic, (6) Where Does Christianity Stand in All This Storm? If this article disturbs you as it has many, there is no doubt that you will want to read the book. It can be secured from the Church of God Publishing House, 922 Montgomery Avenue, Cleveland, Tennessee.

JESUS SAID, in John 3:3, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

Because SIN is so vile and so wicked, morality alone can never save a man, nor fit him for the courts of heaven. Morality is just a cloak, a thin veneer on the surface. Sin is in the heart of every unregenerated man. Because all are sinners, everyone needs the Saviour! Even the most consecrated child of God was at one time a sinner. Ephesians 2:1-3, "And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that worketh in the children of disobedience: Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others."

Sin is universal: Romans 3:23, "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." I Cor. 15:22, "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive."

Adam was created in the image of God. He was created pure and holy. The lovely garden of Eden was furnished for Adam to enjoy and over which he was to rule. In the cool of the day, God Himself came to the garden and walked and talked with Adam. How blessed and tranquil it all was before sin came. The sun shone in a cloudless sky: there was nothing to hurt or destroy.

Scheming Satan with his wicked wiles tempted, and Adam fell from the heights of God's holiness to the depths of sin's despair. In doing so, he plunged the entire human family into sin. With the fall the curse of the "law of sin and death" was placed upon all. There is no hope for a life that is lived in the flesh, because flesh is corrupt before God.

Romans 7:14b, 15, 17, 18, "But I (the flesh) am carnal, sold under sin. For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I. Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not."

Through the flesh, there is NO way out of sin's clutchess. Mankind has tried reformation; mankind has tried culture and education; mankind has tried various clubs and organizations to get redeemed from the curse of sin—but in the flesh (human methods) there is no way out.

The unregenerated man cannot help but sin. 2 Peter 2:13, "Spots they are and blemishes, sporting themselves with their own deceivings while they feast with you; Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls: an heart they have exercised with covetous practices; cursed children." No wonder Paul cried, Romans 7:24, "O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?"

CHRIST came to save sinners!

O Star of the East that led the earnest seekers of the Orient to the Christ in Bethlehem long years ago, may your rays of light and love lead honest-hearted seekers to the crucified Christ today!

Romans 5:6-9, 19, "For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, WHILE WE

Ye Must Be

WERE YET SINNERS, CHRIST DIED FOR US. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous."

I John 1:7, "But if we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, AND THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST HIS SON CLEANSETH US FROM ALL SIN."

Through Christ and the power of His Holy Spirit, the law of sin is abolished. Romans 8:1, 2, "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me FREE FROM the law of sin and death."

Hallelujah! Let the sons of Adam rejoice! The last Adam (Christ) has come and has set us free, free from every wilful sin, free from the curse of sin. Romans 6:6, "Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin." The old "carnal man" of self and flesh is crucified with Christ; now we do not walk after the flesh but after the Spirit. Romans 6:18, "Being then made FREE FROM SIN, ye became the servants of righteousness." Romans 6:22, "But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness and the end everlasting life." Hebrews 9:28, "So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many: and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation."

Hebrews 4:15, 16, "For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

BEFORE the sinner can stand before God and ask for this great salvation, he must truly repent and be sorry for all of his sins. Psalm 51:17, "The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise."

REPENTANCE IS NOT MERELY BEING SORRY FOR SINS; IT IS BEING SORRY ENOUGH TO QUIT THEM. Jesus speaks in Luke 13:3, "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." Acts 3:19, "Repent ye therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord."

Repentance is a godly sorrow. II Corinthians 7:9, 10, "Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance; for ye were made sorry after a godly manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing. For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salva-

Born Again

By LINWOOD JACOBS

tion not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death."

Psalm 38:18, "For I will declare mine iniquity: I will be sorry for my sin."

REVIVAL IN SAMARIA

SAMARIA received the preaching of Christ. Philip preached the Word in demonstration of the Spirit and of power. He laid his hands upon the sick, and the Lord confirmed the Word with signs following. For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them; and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed. And there was great joy in that city.

But in this city there was a sorcerer called Simon. He had bewitched the people and became famous for his unholy deeds of magic, and had great popularity in the city. Simon attended Philip's revival and was amazed at what he saw. Never had he seen it on this fashion. The blind could see; the lame were leaping for joy; the dumb sang the high praises of the Redeemer. The entire city was stirred for God, and they had great joy!

The apostles at Jerusalem heard how Samaria had received the Word, and sent two, Peter and John, that they might further instruct the people in the deep things of God. These men prayed for the new believers at Samaria that they might receive the Holy Ghost. (Acts 8:17.) Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.

This was something new to Simon the sorcerer. He saw the mighty display of power and coveted that he might be able to perform the same deeds. He saw the apostles place their hands upon the praying believers, and he saw the manifestation of the Holy Ghost as the believers received Him in all of His fulness. Simon approached the apostles and offered them money that they would give him the power that on whomsoever he might place his hands they would receive the Holy Ghost.

Little did Simon know that this is not to be purchased with money. The world has always sought an easy way to salvation. It is the voice of the enemy that criticizes God's great plan to save the human race. It is the voice of the enemy that would suggest another way, for there is a way that seemeth right unto man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.

Peter, the apostle, said to Simon: "Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money. Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God. Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, AND PRAY GOD, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee. Then answered Simon, and said, Pray ye to the Lord for me."

REPENT AND PRAY!

YOUR salvation is a transaction between you and God. Repent; be godly sorry for your sins; pray to God and ask God for Christ's sake to save you.

Pray as did David of old. Psalm 51:1, 7, "Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow."

Pray as Isaiah the prophet admonished in his day. Isaiah 1:18, "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord; though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow: though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool."

Pray as Jesus told us to pray: Matthew 7:7, 8, "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find: knock, and it shall be opened unto you; for everyone that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened."

PRAYER FROM THE HEART (Luke 18:10)

In Jerusalem stood the beautiful Temple of God. In a world of sin and idolatry, the house of prayer stood as a haven for the sin-sick souls of humanity. God revealed Himself here with glory and majesty and power, and it was here that humble souls could have communion with God.

Two men went into the Temple to pray. One was a publican. The publicans were hated, and were social outcasts. At this time the Jews were under the dominion of Rome, and Rome exacted tribute of them. The Roman Senate farmed out the taxes to capitalists who undertook to pay a given sum into the treasury. Contracts of this kind fell into the hands of the richer class of Romans. They appointed managers, under whom were the actual custom-house officers, who examined the goods, assessed its value, and enforced payment of taxes. This was a vicious system. The publicans were encouraged in the most fraudulent exactions. They overcharged whenever they had the opportunity. It was the basest of all livelihoods. The Jews felt as though they should not pay taxes to the Romans. The publicans were regarded as traitors and apostates, defiled by their contact with the heathen. They were hated by the Jews everywhere.

The second man that went into the Temple to pray was a Pharisee. The Pharisees were a religious group that was highly respected. They were proud of their self-righteousness, and made a pretense of deep piety. Their devotions were usually in public where they could be seen of men and attract their attention and admiration. With all of their pretense to righteousness, they were sensual and dissolute.

The Pharisee stood and prayed a self-righteous prayer. He was not humble. He did not confess his sin, but boasted to God of that which he had done. He called God's name once, and used the personal pronoun "I" five times. He prayed with himself thus: "God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess."

Carnal deeds of the flesh cannot boast in the presence of God. When we have done our very best, we are still as an unprofitable servant, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags. What can take our sins away? Noth-

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PERSONALITIES OF CHRISTMAS

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MARY THE MOTHER OF JESUS was God's favorite woman. She had to be, to be entrusted with such a tremendous responsibility. To say that Mary was God's favorite woman is not the same as saying that she was man's favorite, too—but perhaps it was the very opposite. Is it even possible to be at once God's favorite and man's favorite? I think not. At least no Biblical personality ever found it to be so, for the qualities that make one favored of God usually make one unpopular with man. This is because the favored ones of God live on a higher stratum of life than the common run of men—and to realize that they are surpassed infuriates them.

Because Mary preferred the favor of God, it is highly improbable that she ever became the favorite of her contemporaries. When God sent His angel to proclaim His intentions to His handmaid, she was not found away from home in the company of the gay set of her day—she was in meditation on God's bountiful goodness. It would seem irreverent to even imagine that she was ever engaged to marry every young man who noticed her; but her life was already dedicated to matrimony with the older Joseph (see last week's article), a carpenter of Galilee. No doubt she was adverse to the frivolous coquettishness that many girls used to win favor with the male gentry of their day. Mary did not seek the favor of men, and probably did not have it, but the purity of her heart and mind won for her the attention and favor of God. Then what matter was it to her if she was not highly popular? What did it matter if she did not have a waiting list of suitors? She had found the favor of God! Her fame was not in the mouths of ribald men, in street-corner jesting—but her name was known in heaven and whispered among the angels.

That God "favors a girl of quiet and gentle mien is attested by the fact that He sought the mother of His Son in the sanctuary of her home, and not in some house of frolic. The capricious, flippant, giggling, lightheaded type of girl is never a favorite in the court of heaven. Mary was a genuine saint of God. Her name is above the names of all other women; hers is an *eternal* popularity. "Favor

God's FAVORITE

By CHARLES W. CONN
Editor-in-Chief

is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised." Man's favor decays, but God's favor is strength forever. "And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou art highly favored, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women." This, of course, does not mean, as some would have it, that blessings emanated *from* her to others, but, rather, that she had received a blessing far above that of any other woman, for she had been chosen to be the mother of Jesus Christ.

Why was Mary so highly favored with God? What characteristics made her the favorite woman of God? There must have been a reason that He chose her body, her words, her character, her presence to be the nurture of His Son. Ah, what a beautiful, strong, spiritual woman she was! Virginity was not her only qualification, for there were numerous virgins in her day. "Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all." Her fear of God was not the sole cause for her selection—there were other virgins who feared God. Those basic principles will not be discussed here, because it was a deeper, finer character that caused her to excel the other maidens of her day. Nor can any girl attach her hope to these basic virtues today—to be highly favored of God, she must be just a little higher, a little deeper, a little broader in most things than the others around her.

1. FAITH

ONE of the most striking qualities of Mary was her seemingly boundless faith. What Gabriel revealed to her was one of the most preposterous things she had ever heard; it was contrary to every semblance of reason: that she, a virgin, should bear a son while still a virgin. How? How can this thing be? If you can grasp it, Mary, it is simple enough, for ". . . the Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee." That was enough for Mary! She believed that! Although she could not understand it, she believed it. *The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee.* That should be sufficient for us all.

It so happened, Mary remembered, that her cousin Elizabeth was experiencing something much akin to this. She was older, her experience was older—what a source of faith and comfort she could be. So away to the hills fled Mary, to the side of Elizabeth. One can well imagine the joy and ecstasy they shared: so much to discuss, so much to pray about, so many plans to make, so many hopes in

Luke 1:30, "And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favor with God."

WOMAN

their hearts, so much companionship each could offer the other. Two sons were to be born, called of God even before conception; one would foretell the other. Who in turn was to become the Saviour of Israel and the world. Mary did not, yea, *could not*, understand, but she did believe.

2. PRAISE

Mary's ability to effectually praise God is a worthy gauge of her deep piety. Her *Magnificat* is one of the most sublime portions in the Scripture. Read her words of praise in Luke 1:46-55, if you want to discover one of the most beautiful passages in all literature. What spiritual passion must have possessed her as she poured out her heart before the household of Zachariah. None but the purest hearts could give such genuine adoration and worship. The heart of Mary praised God.

3. DISCRETION

AFTER three months, Mary went quietly home—no fanfare, no whispering of secrets, no self-claimed virtue and honor. She did not even share her glorious secret with Joseph her spouse. Perhaps Mary could have spared him many days of anguish with one hour's conversation and confidence—but discretion was too much a part of her for any secrets to be told. If it was so that “as a jewel of gold in a swine's snout, so is a fair woman which is without discretion,” Mary determined that such would never be her case. Some seem to think that any true thing is legitimate fare for gossip, but there are many true facts best not discussed or divulged. How noble are they that have the judgment to know when to speak and when to keep silence. Proverbs 29:11, “A fool uttereth all his mind, but a wise man keepeth it till afterwards.” Remember that verse, you who never have a secret, you who think it a virtue to say just what you think, you who think anything true is fair field for your bandying chatter. God's favorite woman cannot be a gem in a hog's snout!

4. MEDITATION

Like another Mary (she of Bethany), the woman chosen to be the mother of our Lord spent much of her time in reverent meditation and musing on God's righteousness, Person, and Word. Religion to her was not a perfunctory task to be performed regularly, but it was an inner experience that never grew old, that never relaxed hold on her heart and mind. “But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.” Still quiet and reticent, she mused within her own heart and confided



to her own spirit the wondrous grace of God.

Twelve years later, her son now old enough to make the pilgrimage to Jerusalem and to discourse with the rabbis, she still kept these things in her heart. His words disturbed her. Such words of expected knowledge as, “Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?” Her son's words were pondered in her heart, and she noted the supreme wisdom they contained. Her respect for Him increased as He grew older. She listened to Him and noted His words in her heart. God's favorite woman was, and is, able to say, “Thy word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against thee.”

5. OBEDIENCE

WHEN the friends of Mary needed additional wine at the marriage in Cana, she knew just the One to help the situation. Her advice was, “Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it.” Her son had grown up. Knowing Him to be the Son of God, she gave Him the same obedience she had always given the Father. Jesus Himself asserted in Luke 11:27, 28, that to obey God is a greater thing with God than to have borne the Son of God.

6. GOOD MOTHER

Mary was the perfect mother. God was able to see that before He chose her to mother His Son. Jesus remained her little one throughout His lifetime, and her attitude toward Him was always one of affection and care. The protective instinct of motherhood never departed from her, even after the recognition of her son as the all-powerful Anointed One of God. Once when she feared for His safety, she went with His brothers into the streets to search for Him and lead Him to safety. Her heart pined for His nearness and her soul suffered for His welfare. She was a mother in the highest sense of the term.

The pain of heart and soul she endured at the crucifixion of Jesus is indescribable. She compelled her aged, spent body to follow the infamous procession that prodded Him onward to His death. On and on she ran, groaning at every step for her son. How gladly she would have substituted her frail, joyless body on that cross so that He might not suffer so. With perfect love she could have felt the spikes pierce her hands and have the thorny

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YE MUST BE BORN AGAIN

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ing but the blood of Jesus! This proud Pharisee left the Temple of God without a blessing from heaven. He asked nothing of God, so he received nothing.

The hated, despised publican realized he was a vile sinner. He confessed his repented sins and pleaded for the mercy of God. Humbly he approached the throne of God. He stood afar off and would not so much as lift up his eyes unto heaven, but with deepest agony of soul he smote upon his breast, saying, "God, be merciful to me a sinner."

Jesus said, "I tell you this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for everyone that exalteth himself shall be abased, and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted" (Luke 18:9-14).

BELIEVE GOD!

AFTER the seeker has truly repented and asked God for forgiveness, then he must believe God. Hebrews 11:6, "But without faith it is impossible to please him, for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."

Acts 2:21, "And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

THE APPROACH TO GOD MADE PLAIN:

Romans 10:9-13, "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that CALL UPON HIM. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

John 6:37, "And him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out."

A "KNOW-SO" SALVATION!

AS YOU believe God and stand upon His precious promises, you will receive a change of heart, and joy that surpasses anything you have ever known before. Remember Jesus said, "Ye must be born again." When you are truly saved from your sins you will know it. The Spirit will witness with your spirit that you are a son of God. (Romans 8:16.) No longer will you want the old life of sin and death. No longer will you desire the foolish frivolity and silly pastimes that the world has to offer, for you will be "born again." You will be a new creature in Christ. II Corinthians 5:17, "Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

I John 3:1, 2, "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not because it knew him not. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is."

Isaiah 12:3, "Therefore with JOY shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation." John 15:11, "These things

have I spoken unto you, that my JOY might remain in you, and that your JOY might be full."

I Peter 1:8, "Whom having not seen, ye love: in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory."

From these scriptures we can readily see that the "new birth" is an actual EXPERIENCE. It is an "instantaneous" work of grace wrought in the heart of man with the blood of Jesus through the operations of the Holy Ghost. When the transaction is made, we know it. Joy, heavenly JOY, floods our soul! The burden of guilt is removed, and we are set free. We are "born again." It is joy unspeakable and full of glory. Oh, the happiness, and how we rejoice as ten thousand times ten thousands of the heavenly hosts join the glad jubilation, for the lost is found again, and he that was dead is now alive!

GOD'S FAVORITE WOMAN

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crown mat her locks—if that would spare Him. To the very end she was a perfect mother.

7. CONSTANCY

TO ME, the steadfastness of Mary was perhaps her greatest virtue. She held on; she stayed, not only when the warm winds of eager youth were blowing, but through blasting tempests of hopelessness and despair and finally through the doldrums of loneliness, of weakness, of helplessness. No up-and-down experience was in her heart, no vicissitudes ever occurred in her spiritual life. After the cruel death of her son, most mothers would have quit, or, at least, ceased an active part in religious work. But not constant Mary. On the day of Pentecost she was still with the followers of her son. Acts 1:14, "These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren." She was still there. Regardless of the shock of seeing Jesus crucified, her stout heart kept beating for God.

And so it was with God's favorite woman. Hers was a beautiful, unblemished, exemplary life. It is highly improbable that she lived long after the day of Pentecost, but the last picture we see of her is one of unexcelled strength and determination—waiting, waiting, waiting for the promise her son had left His disciples. It is a pity that the life story of one so precious as Mary should become encumbered with unnecessary and unscriptural legends and myths—suppositions and fabrications that rob her of her warm humanness and realness. The devotees of Mariolatry would place her equal with the mighty Son of God she bore. That is wasted effort, for nothing they can invent would ever make her equal to Him, and her life needs no further embellishment to make her one of the greatest persons to ever live.

We do not know when she died. But let us leave her where the Bible leaves her: in the upper room, waiting for the Holy Ghost, waiting with an expectancy that was perhaps similar to that of thirty-odd years before, when she waited for Jesus to be formed in her life and body. We find God's favorite woman waiting, and we leave her waiting—each time for the promise of God to possess and occupy her stout heart and pure body.

Next week: "Unto you . . . "

Man and missions

from the
Foreign Missions Executive Secretary's Desk
PAUL H. WALKER
1080 Montgomery Avenue, Cleveland, Tennessee

IT'S A JOY TO CONTRIBUTE

Again I have great joy in contributing to missions! The Lord has blessed me greatly, and I thank Him. Recently I was advanced to HMI; the advancement test was difficult, and I could not have passed it without the help of the Lord, just a concrete example of His blessings upon me.

Enclosed is a check for \$50, and I feel that it would please the Lord for it to be distributed as follows: \$10 for Japanese Bibles (L. E. Heil, Japan); \$10 for Lee School, Utila Island, Honduras; \$10 for India Bible School; \$20 for schools of Haiti.—Sincerely, J. Martin Baldree, Jr., HMI, 1st Evac Hospital, FMF, Camp Pendleton, California.

NOTE: The foregoing is just an example to the many others who can contribute to the cause of sending the gospel to the lost. You will note that Brother Baldree has received a promotion, and each time he is promoted he makes a liberal contribution to missions.

You, too, may have a part in this giving, and then when the sowing-the-seeds-of-the-gospel days are over, you will reap a harvest of souls in yonder world for which you will forever be grateful.

If you wish to send contributions, designated or not designated, you may send them to the Church of God Missions Office, 1080 Montgomery Avenue, Cleveland, Tennessee. Your money will be acknowledged at once, and all monies sent to places designated. If no place is designated, the Missions Office will send the money to the most needy field.—Executive Missions Secretary.

GREETINGS FROM THE CHURCH OF GOD IN GERMANY

We wrote you last month about having purchased, in faith, a big house for conversion into a church, in one of the towns where our congregation had been pushed from one place to another until they finally had no other place to go. If you remember, we were to have cash on September 12, a thing which looked impossible until we looked to God who doesn't know such a word.

You will rejoice with us to know that we had the money on that date, and purchased a fine piece of property. Bobbie and Walter will move there this month to develop and care for that area. They need your prayers, so

stand behind them faithfully.

Ripened wheat has been gathered and stored; pumpkins load down the wagons which we see returning from the fields; and mornings are crisp and cold, which has caused the sap in the trees to stop flowing, and all the leaves are coloring beautifully and softly dropping down all day. Regretfully, we put away our big gospel tent to wait until next year to hold more revivals under it. The nights have become too cold for services in the tent.

On Sunday morning after the revival closed, seventeen were gloriously baptized in water and have started out to walk with Christ in the newness of life. God, give us wisdom to guide aright the uncertain, questioning footsteps of these babes in Christ. We need your prayers that we may be able to nurture, admonish, and establish them in the Lord, and thereby establish a new church.

Had you been able to look into our living room one Sunday night in the past month, your heart would have been warmed. Most of the men were away in service, and only some of the women were remaining at home. Soldier boys began arriving, until four had come. A soldier's wife came, also. There was no car in which to take them to service, so they decided to have an American service. Though the group was small, the blessings and presence of God was not. Greatly encouraged and uplifted, those soldiers of their country and the cross returned to camp.

In our recent ministers' meeting we appointed, for the first time, pastors to permanent positions. Each minister has three or more churches to pastor, but we expect to meet this challenge and make progress. Sunday Schools and Y.P.E.'s are being established, and we beg you to help us pray and believe for the day when we shall have a Bible school to train and educate desperately needed workers and ministers.

As you begin a new church year, we ask you not to forget us, here in Germany, and all the precious missionaries on the fields.—THE LAUSTERS.

BACK IN GOD'S BATTLE IN BARBADOS

J. B. Winter, Overseer

Well, we are again back in Barbados, in the battle for God, after our furlough, which we surely did enjoy. We had a very pleasant passage from Boston to Barbados. We were able to

visit the church in Bermuda, as we had two nights there, and were glad to meet with Brother Brummett and family. We did all we could to encourage them. The Brummetts have a fine building and field of opportunity, and they need our prayers.

We next came to St. Kitts where we landed about 9 a.m. on Saturday, October 4. We began to visit the Island and stop first at Philips where they have put a 14-foot extension to the building. This was much needed as the room was only 16 by 12 feet, but with the 14-foot addition it is now 30 by 12 feet, with new seats to fill up the extra space and a nice platform. The cost of this was \$745. I estimated this would cost around \$800, and they have done a fine job to keep it down to a reasonable figure.

We next called at Tabernacle, where a year ago they also were able to put on an extra 12 feet to the length of the building. We then called at Saddlers, where we have been renting a small place and where our enemies got the landlord to give us notice that they needed the place to live in. They rent it to the opposite crowd and we are now without a place of worship. We can get a spot of land to rent and build on, so I have, in faith, advised Evangelist Greene to rent it as from the first of the year. We are trusting the Lord to help us build or purchase a building we can put on the land.

We went on to Newton ground, where we have a nice concrete building; then we came back to Central Street church in the city. We offered prayer and thanked God for the way He has helped in St. Kitts. The work is really moving forward. Our good people raised over \$1,000 last year for our buildings, and they will do even more this year. It would encourage them much if they could be helped with \$200, or even \$150.

We next called at Dominica on Monday morning. Evangelist S. E. Welcome and wife were there to meet us. They have rented a place in Reseua, the chief town in the Island, and have made a good beginning. We went from the ship to the meeting, we were able to hold a service from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. When we made an altar call, 36 adults came to the altar. God was with us.

The work in St. Martins is picking up nicely, under the able leadership of our Brother E. A. Moffett.

We had a wonderful welcome back to Barbados. My wife collected used clothing while we were in Canada, New York, and Boston, and she had four trunks full and seven large packages.

Brother Luke R. Summers, youth director of the Island, arranged a reception at his home for us and invited the ministers. The River Road church was also packed during service; many were the kind expressions of welcome to us, and we were made to feel glad to be back home again.

NOTE: Brother Winter has served in the British West Indies for many years and is highly respected. He has passed his 72d birthday but is still active.—Executive Missions Secretary.

REPORTS

BELTON, SOUTH CAROLINA, HOME-COMING A GREAT SUCCESS

The annual home-coming of the Church of God in Belton, South Carolina, was Sunday, November 2. The Lord favored us with a beautiful day. This special day was set forth to pay off the indebtedness on the Hammond organ. It was purchased about a year ago by the L.W.W.B. while under the good leadership of Sister George L. Britt, at a cost of approximately \$2,700. Sister Britt did a wonderful job in helping to pay off the debt and the balance was \$500. The L.W.W.B. began a contest which lasted for eight weeks and at the home-coming, when the captains of the two groups, Sister Myrtle Hannah and Sister Dot Allen, gave their reports, we were made to rejoice over a total of \$1,031.34. The note was burned by our pastor, Brother Grady Waters, while the president, Sister Rama Waters, held it.

The attendance was large and a dinner was spread in front of the church. The day was filled with music and singing. God made it possible for our good state overseer, Rev. James A. Cross, to be with us all day. His afternoon message, entitled "God Has Better Things," was greatly enjoyed by all. The church at Belton is growing in every department. The Y.P.E. has purchased a new set of Snare drums. Our Sunday School has a large increase and God is surely blessing.—Dora Frances Campbell.

HOME-COMING DAY AT THE MT. ZION, MISSISSIPPI, CHURCH OF GOD

This day had been planned, prayed for and worked for, for several weeks by our good pastor, Rev. J. E. Kennedy, and members and friends of the church. On October 26, the service began at 10 a.m., devoting a short time to Sunday School, after which the regular service began, with our pastor in charge. He introduced our state overseer, Rev. G. C. Hamby, who preached a wonderful message on "Self Denial." At the close of Brother Hamby's message, the church members and friends responded to the call for financial assistance to build a new parsonage, and almost \$3,500 in cash was raised.

Our church is making wonderful progress under the able leadership of

our pastor. Our Sunday School has been built from a "C" school to an "AA" school in a very short time. We have a wide-awake and spiritual L.W.W.B., which is working for the upbuilding of the church and God's cause at all times. We especially thank our good friend Mrs. Carrie E. Moore, of San Diego, California, for the donation of one acre of land on which the church is located and where our new parsonage will be erected. We also thank her for the first \$100 to start the building fund. All of our progress here at Mt. Zion proves what our great God can and will do if we look to Him and live for Him. We are expecting great things from God.

PERU, INDIANA, HAS A MIGHTY VISITATION FROM GOD

We have just had a mighty outpouring of God's power in the mission here at Peru, with Evangelist Minnie Danley and her two daughters, Nancy and Sue, assisting in music and song. The work is new and, after having a setback, things looked very dark and impossible. The few saints, along with the pastor and the evangelist, went

earnestly to prayer, believing God. As a result, souls were saved and night after night God manifested His healing power as the evangelist prayed, rebuking demons and diseases in Jesus' mighty name. The deaf were made to hear. Then God moved into the hospitals of the city and raised a young girl who was given up to die. A man whose family called for prayer for him was found in very bad condition, but Jesus came on the scene and before the week had come to a close the man was in service to praise God. God is mighty to deliver, whether it be a great need or a small need.—Church reporter.

HICKORY HELPS THE CAUSE TO SAVE THE HEATHEN

The Church of God at Hickory, North Carolina, was privileged to have Brother Paul H. Walker, our Executive Missions Secretary, for three great services, October 11, 12, when we climaxed a drive for mission with \$286.81 being given. We were made to sit in heavenly places, and Brother Walker left us with a clearer vision for the cause of missions. We feel that heaven will gain many more souls through the efforts of Brother Walker. Our desire is to do more for our Lord and missions as we work together with our good pastor, Brother Lawton B. Thomas, whom we love and appreciate so very much.—Malcom W. Stover, reporter.

TELEGRAM

A GREAT REVIVAL IN PROGRESS
AT THE ODUM CHURCH OF GOD.
THIS LITTLE TOWN HAS BEEN
STIRRED BY THE MIGHTY POWER
OF GOD. FIFTY EXPERIENCES OF
SALVATION. CANCERS HAVE BEEN
HEALED. ALL MANNER OF DISEASES
HAVE BEEN REBUKED AND
HEALED. ONE CHILD RAISED FROM
THE DEAD IN THE PRESENCE OF
HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE. REV. J. E.
SMELTZER, EVANGELIST, J. W.
BLANTLEY, PASTOR.



PHOENIX, Ariz.—I am happy to report that the East Phoenix Church of God at 20th and Monroe Streets is moving on for God. We have just had a week's revival, which broke out in our regular services. Eighteen were saved, 9 sanctified, 11 filled with the Holy Ghost, 5 baptized in water, and 9 added to the church. Our state overseer, Rev. C. W. Collins, and our good pastor, Rev. Chesile Collins, conducted the revival. We broke our Y. P. E. rec-

ord last quarter, and our Sunday School is growing. We thank God for the way the church is growing and working together under the leadership of our new pastor whom we dearly love.

Pictured above is our parsonage which was purchased before the Assembly by the former pastor, Rev. Wayne Taylor. It is a five-room house.—Roberta Faultner, Clerk.

AVON PARK, FLORIDA, DEDICATES NEW CHURCH BUILDING



On Sunday, July 13, the congregation of the Church of God in Avon Park, Florida, moved from their old location on South Verona Avenue to their beautiful new church building located on the corner of North Florida and Church Streets. This building is of block construction, reinforced with steel. The roof is of light grey asbestos shingles; the vestibule is 8 x 14 feet with two arched windows in it. The main building has a nice-sized auditorium, large choir, five Sunday School rooms, and two baths.

The large steel sash windows have nice cathedral glass, making them very beautiful. A few more features of the building are the three-inch-wood floors, sanded and varnished; a rounded rostrum; double altars; new pulpit; plastered walls; and 16 fluorescent lights, recessed in the ceiling. These features help to make a very pleasant place in which to worship God.

The opening day was a rainy one, but we broke our Sunday School record attendance for the third time in

the past two years. Our attendance for the day was 194.

The afternoon service began with singing; special numbers were rendered by Rev. Vep Ellis and Rev. Leon Ellis, of Tampa. Mr. Joe Parks, of Chattanooga, Tennessee, was with us, also. The Rev. E. M. Ellis, of Clearwater, brought the dedicatory message in the afternoon. As he spoke, everyone seemed to be grateful to God for the accomplishments of the past two years. The building was filled to capacity and some were standing as we dedicated our new church building.

As Brother Ellis finished his message he began to pray to God. Our hearts were lifted heavenward and it seemed we were in the very presence of God. We were reminded of the prayer Solomon prayed while dedicating the Temple to God. We feel that when sinners come into this building, tired, weary, and heavy laden, seeking rest for their souls, they will always find Christ as a refuge for their souls. Roy C. Miller, Pastor.

KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE District—It gives me great pleasure to share with you the blessings which God has bestowed upon us since the prayer wheel has been turning in our Knoxville districts. Over one year ago God laid a burden of prayer upon Rev. J. L. Goins for a prayer band at Eighth Avenue church, which was started with the able help of Sister Joe C. Merriman. In turn she received a great burden to reach out to the other churches. With the hearty approval of our district pastor, Rev. B. L. Alford, we began to organize prayer bands throughout the district. A pres-

ident, secretary, and visitation chairman were elected for each prayer band, meeting each Wednesday at 11 o'clock for united prayer. God has done many wonderful things for us, saving many souls, and healing the sick. How I love and praise Him today!

We felt God would be pleased with a combined monthly meeting of all churches. At our first meeting, January 30, 1952, we had five churches attending, with a total of 44 present. To date we have organized 11 prayer bands. Our October attendance was 114, for which we give God all the

praise and glory. Surely we know that God has put His approval on the Church of God prayer bands. God is wonderfully blessing, and answers to prayers are too numerous to mention here, so I list just a few.

Kimberlin Heights—Husband saved. A sister was bleeding; an anointed cloth from prayer band was placed on her in Jesus' name; sister is still healed; a brother's back prayed for; he went back to work next day.

Burlington—Sister Gibson's brother, in veterans' hospital two years, had never been saved; he came to God; a sister's husband delivered from tobacco and healed of kidney stone.

Mountain View—A brother being sent home from Korea before serving his time had requested prayer for the orphaned Korean children who were homeless and eating from garbage cans. Yes, God answered and laid a burden on some A. F. boys who rented a large house for the children. They visit and encourage them.

Eighth Avenue—A lady healed of leukemia; a man healed of tuberculosis; a sister in hospital healed of female troubles sent home without an operation; a sister healed of heart trouble and high blood pressure which the doctors do not understand; a sister, after prayer, can now read fine print without glasses, after wearing them 30 years.

Greenway—A great revival, 8 saved, and 4 filled with the Holy Ghost.

West Knoxville—United Brethren preacher in hospital needed blood transfusion. After prayer, his blood was normal. Anyone desiring the authenticity of these testimonies may contact the writer of this article.

The prayer wheel is turning. Blessed is the Church of God member who, with fixed determination and purpose, puts his shoulder to the wheel.

We can look about us today and agree that "our homes, our nation, and all we hold dear is in danger." I list these quotations from a recent issue of *Evangelists Conference*: "Our world is in flame; our church is in crisis. We are entering the last half of this blood-drenched century with eight hundred million souls engulfed in Communism."

Our hope is not in the United Nations! Indeed, there is little that governments or large movements can do, for all depends on the individual. We must have help from a source more powerful than any human efforts offer. Our nation needs world-shaking prayers offered from sincere hearts that recognize this great need. Our men in the Armed Forces need backing of Christians that grapple on their knees with the principalities, powers, and rulers of darkness of this world. Pulling down the strongholds of Satan, and thereby combating the spiritual wickedness in high places.

This is no time to let up, but a time that we should agonize before God day and night in fasting and prayers of intercession, and seasons of waiting on God in importunate prayer.

Let this call to prayer burn into your heart. Pray that God will an-

oint your eyes, enlarge your capacity, rend your soul, bring into light all your possibilities, until God shall have all you have. Then you can have all He has! We need to glimpse again "his glory and his greatness," and to be reassured "this day that God doth talk with man, and he liveth," Deuteronomy 5:24.

God waits to show what He can and will do for and through a mighty, passionate, praying people. Oh, let us not fall Him!

Stir me, O Lord! Thy heart was stirred

**By love's intensest fire, till Thou didst give
Thine only Son, Thy best beloved One,
E'en to the dreadful cross to die,
that I might live.**

**Stir me to give myself so back to Thee
That Thou canst give Thyself
again through me.**

—Mrs. A. J. Metler, District Secretary and Treasurer.

plied to our fund for a new auditorium, which we plan to build in the near future.

Our Sunday School has shown an increase of approximately 75 each week since we have been in this building; at present it is the largest Sunday School in the state of Ohio.

DALTON, Ga.—It is a happy privilege for me to report great victory for the Church of God in Dalton, Georgia. On July 11, Brother Ernest W. Angley began an eight weeks' campaign here in his big tent. The tent was packed night after night with people from all churches and unbelievers witnessing the mighty miracle-working power of God put into action. The dumb spoke, the deaf heard, the blind received their sight, and other diseases were healed too numerous to mention. Best of all, there were so many saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost that it was impossible to keep a count of the number. Fifty-seven were added

to the church. When Brother and Sister Angley left, the church was on fire for God. It was not wild fire, either, because it is still burning, and the revival spirit is still in our midst, under the leadership of our able pastor, Rev. C. H. Chambley, who came to our town two weeks before the campaign closed. The work in every department was almost doubled. Souls are being saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost in almost every service. Ten have been added to the church since the campaign closed. The home-coming at the Dalton Church (Sunday, October 12) was climaxmed with the raising of \$1,800 to pay off the indebtedness of our church. We are looking forward to a new church in the near future. We people at Dalton love and appreciate Brother and Sister Angley for their humble, Spirit-filled and obedient lives, and are thankful to God for sending them this way.—Willie Mae Carroll.

Dear Evangel Friends: We have wanted, since the boys went back to school, to write and tell what a blessing it was to have Brother Maria Benitez in our home this summer. Brother Benitez is a promising young missionary now in his third year at IPI. He is the student the state of Illinois sponsored last year. He was grateful for the privilege of visiting Illinois and the opportunity to attend the General Assembly and state camp meeting. It was not one-sided, for Brother Benitez was a blessing and inspiration to all with whom he came in contact, though his English was limited and he had to speak through an interpreter. He and Brother Lloyd Koester (cafeteria manager at IPI), together with the help of the Lord, brought the great need of missions in Cuba to many of the churches in Illinois and Indiana, also stirring messages at rallies and district conventions. May God bless them both and all the future missionaries at IPI. They are worthy of our prayers and support.—Esther R. McFarland, Palestine, Illinois.

MIDDLETOWN, Ohio—Our Anniversary Day, October 12, was a great success, and the entire debt on our Sunday School Department was liquidated.

Last year, October 14, we dedicated this educational building, consisting of 14 Sunday School rooms, 2 offices, full basement, kitchen, 3 rest rooms, and furnace room, at a total cost of \$47,000, fully equipped. We borrowed at that time a little over \$10,000 from the First National Bank and began to concentrate on removing this mortgage in one-year period. By the help of God and the faithfulness of the good people in Middletown this has been accomplished.

For our anniversary service the Y. P. E. raised \$1,634.07, the Sunday School offering was \$678, the Willing Workers contributed \$200, and when we totaled the entire day's amount, it was just over \$5,400, giving us \$2,400 over our goal. This will be ap-

LAKELAND, FLORIDA, HAS GREAT DAY



Sunday, October 19, was a great day at the Lakeland church. The new pastor, J. T. Roberts, though having been pastor for only eight weeks, had been on the move and had a long-range plan carefully prepared and ready for inauguration.

All of this preparation was for a move of the church properties to a more suitable place. Rev. Roberts and the leaders of the church had chosen ten acres of land on beautiful Lake Wire and just across the lake from Lakeland proper. Pastor Roberts related his vision of a \$100,000 church building, educational plant, and beautiful pastorum. "I've got the faith for a tub full of money to start this project," declared Brother Roberts. And he showed them the tub.

The congregation was large and everyone was tense and greatly inspired. The tub was placed in front of

the altar. The members and friends (a long line of 36) began marching and dropping in the tub bundles of \$300 each. Then came more with \$200, \$100, and on down until practically every person in the house had marched. A wonderful spirit was present and the tub was nearly full. When it was counted, there was more than \$19,000 in the tub.

Rev. Roberts introduced the sheriff, who, with an elder of the church, took the money to the bank. While the money was being taken to the bank, another wave of giving began and lasted until the full amount of \$20,042 was given. Everyone was glad and happy.

The state overseer, E. L. Simmons, his wife and daughter, Attorney Oxford, Sheriff Pat Gordon, and other visitors were present.

REVIVALS

CHATTAROY, W. Va.—We have had a revival with Brother Jimmie Davis as the evangelist. Ten were saved, 7 sanctified, and 5 filled with the Holy Ghost. Brother Davis would be a blessing to any church.—E. B. Varney, Reporter.

LONG BRANCH, Ga.—We have just had a two weeks' revival at Long Branch, with Brother B. G. Moxley conducting the services. The Lord was there in a wonderful way. Some were saved and sanctified, 1 received the Holy Ghost, and 4 were added to the church. Brother P. S. Collins is the pastor; he is doing a wonderful work. We are planning to build a new church, so please pray much for us at Long Branch.—Mrs. J. E. Joiner, Jr., Clerk.

COOLIDGE, Ga.—We have just had a two weeks' revival. Rev. E. W. Smallwood was the evangelist. God met with us each night in a mighty way. Thirty were saved, 5 sanctified, 7 filled with the Holy Ghost, and many healed. We really appreciate our good pastor, Rev. W. F. Hobbs. He has been so faithful in his work for God and the church. We praise God for all He has done for us.—Roy F. McKelney, Clerk.

EMPIRE, Ala.—One of the greatest revivals in the history of the Church of God in Empire, Alabama, has just come to a close. This revival lasted 2 weeks. There were many great experiences, including a number of healings. Waves of glory swept the large congregations night after night. Thirty-nine were saved, 29 sanctified, 19 baptized with the Holy Ghost, and a good number are to be baptized in water and added to the church. Our evangelist was Rev. Roy Dagnan, of Wallins Creek, Kentucky, who is a great man of prayer and a good evangelist. Anyone would do well to secure this man for a revival. We also appreciate our fine pastor, Brother A. G. Griffen, and his wife, who are doing a fine job. Our church is growing by leaps and bounds since the Assembly. We have one of the finest groups of young people I have ever seen. Pray for us.—Dee Drummonds, Reporter.

GRANTSBORO, N. C.—We are happy to report a wonderful 2 weeks' revival in October, with Sister Della Patrick as the evangelist. The power of

God fell in a wonderful way each night. The church was greatly blessed in many ways. Five were saved, 5 sanctified, 2 filled with the Holy Ghost, 5 added to the church, and several healed. Sister Patrick is a wonderful worker for the Lord.—Mrs. N. A. Cagle, Reporter.

FREEBURN, Ky.—We truly thank God for the good revival we have had here, with Rev. Ramond Gafford as the evangelist. Brother Gafford is a wonderful young man and a soul-stirring evangelist. Six souls were saved, a number sanctified, 4 baptized in water, and 8 added to the church, 2 by transfer. The church has been greatly blessed, and the Sunday School is growing in a great way. We have just had a well drilled and a pump installed. We thank the Lord for our good pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister Bobby Williams.—D. L. Stump, Clerk.

SOMERSET, Ky.—The Church of God at Somerset, Kentucky, has just closed a very successful revival, with Rev. Carl Richard, of Birmingham, Alabama, as the evangelist. His inspiring messages from the Word of God were a blessing to everyone who attended our services. The church building at many times would not hold the people, and many souls were blessed. There were 29 saved, 11 sanctified, 10 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 4 added to the church. The church in general was blessed. Our church is very fortunate to have as our pastor Rev. Carl Cox, Mrs. Cox and family. We appreciate them and the work they are doing. They have been a blessing since coming here. They are always ready to help in every way and to pray for the sick. During this revival we broke all Sunday School records with an attendance of 414, and a moving picture was taken of this Sunday School. We are looking for God to do great things for us here in Somerset.—Miss Marie Turpin, Church Reporter.

CARUTHERSVILLE, Mo.—The Church of God in Caruthersville is still on the battlefield for the Lord. At the district convention at our church, the many good speakers encouraged us very much. We are also very proud of our pastor, Brother Mauldin Ray, who has worked faithfully for our church.—Reporter.

COURT of PRAISE

TESTIMONY WRITTEN TO
REV. L. G. ROUSE

Critical Case of Cancer Healed

Dear Brother Rouse: I shall never forget the day you came through the door of the Grace Hospital where I was in bed critically ill with cancer. The doctors pronounced the cancer I had as one of the worst they had ever seen. As you walked through the door, the healing power surged through my body, which left me feeling light as a feather. I did not understand it at the time, but now I realize that it was God's touch of healing.

Many tell me today that I am the picture of health, and this marvelous healing occurred over three years ago. The picture I enclose (above) was upon examination by the doctor after my healing, he proclaimed that a miracle had been wrought.

You will remember, Brother Rouse, that I looked as a dead woman when you came to see me. Now you can see that I really am the picture of a healthy person. I testify to this mighty touch of God every time the opportunity presents itself.—Mrs. John B. Williamson, Ikes Fork, West Virginia.

Note from Brother Rouse Regarding This Testimony: Everyone who will have faith like this can get your healing. God is still healing through handkerchiefs and over the telephone. Let me hear from you if you are sick. God can heal regardless of your affliction.—Rev. L. G. Rouse, 2735 Washington Avenue, Knoxville, Tennessee.

NEWPORT, N. C.—I praise God for healing my little girl of an enlarged gland. I praise Him for all His blessings.—Mrs. James S. Salter.

RICHMOND, Va.—I thank and praise God for His wonderful power and love. I thank Him for the many times He has healed my body. I thank Him for saving, sanctifying, and filling me with the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. Gladys Winesett.

RIDGEVILLE, S. C.—I praise the Lord for His healing power. I had been suffering from ulcerated stomach and high blood pressure for six weeks and was on a very strict diet. I praise God for healing me; now I can eat anything I want. My desire is to be a better Christian and to do more work for the Lord.—Miss Betty Carter, Rt. 3, Highway 64, Ridgeville, S. C.

SCOTTSBORO, Ala.—I thank God for healing a friend who was in a car wreck. He was at the point of death for several days, but through the prayers of God's people God spared his life and saved his soul. His dad was saved, also. Pray for the rest of the family that they will be filled with the Holy Ghost.—Ruth Brownfield.

Religious NEWS

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INCORRECT REPORT USED AGAINST GRAHAM

(EP) Some religious journals made capital of a report from a Pittsburgh paper that Billy Graham was sending converts back to the Catholic Church, and denounced the fiery evangelist for compromising and watering down the gospel. The report, written by staff writer William E. McElwain, of the *Pittsburgh Sun-Telegram*, was later corrected by McElwain, who admitted hearing Graham say only that Catholics were coming forward as converts. The writer declared that he added the statement that they returned to the Catholic Church. Though McElwain readily admitted his error, corrections were not forthcoming in any of the religious papers which used it to speak against Graham.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Churches Act to Combat Italian Persecution

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP) Swift action on the part of local, national, and interdenominational church circles followed the closing of 22 Church of Christ chapels by the Italian Government on Sunday, September 14. On Monday, September 15, 1952, local representatives of four Washington area Church of Christ congregations called upon Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, of the Washington office of the National Association of Evangelicals for assistance and the Association's well organized Commission on Evangelical Action sprang to the defense of the persecuted group.

On Tuesday, Dr. Frederick C. Fowler, Presbyterian minister and Chairman of the Action Commission, flew from Pittsburgh to preside over a meeting of some twenty-five persons assembled at the office of Dr. Taylor in the Kellogg Building. Among those who met to consider remedies to apply to this latest crisis of Protestant missions, were: Dr. Frank B. Gigliotti, of LaMesa, California, Vice-Chairman of the Commission; Dr. Joseph M. Dawson, Executive Director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs; Dr. Alvin W. Johnson, Secretary of the International Religious Liberty Association; Dr. Frank H. Yost, of the Seventh Day Adventists; Congressman Victor Wickersham, of Oklahoma; John W. Holton, Church of Christ elder and secretary to Speaker Rayburn of the House of Representatives, and a number of clergymen and elders of the Church of Christ in various sections of the United States, including Texas, Vir-

ginia, and Kentucky.

Following rather extensive discussion of the situation, with two reports of recent visits to Italy, a Committee on Strategy was appointed to draw up resolutions, to be presented to the Secretary of State of the United States and the Italian Ambassador. Carrying out the mandate of the conference, this committee met on Wednesday, September 17, drew up the accompanying resolutions to be presented to State Secretary Dean Acheson at 4:00 P.M. Thursday, September 18, and to the Italian Ambassador one hour later.

The Committee spokesman, Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, explained the reason for presenting the resolutions of protest in the following words: "This resolution is another effort in a campaign that was initiated by the National Association of Evangelicals in 1948 to encourage the Italian Government to renounce the obsolete laws of the Fascist regime." We find the Italian Government guilty of direct violations: first in two instances, of its own constitution and, second, of its Treaty of Friendship, Commerce and Navigation with the United States.

PEARL HARBOR ATTACKER TO BECOME MISSIONARY

VANCOUVER, B. C. (EP) The Japanese pilot who commanded the attack on Pearl Harbor is to enter Christian ministry. Capt. Mitsuo Fuchida, 50, who was the officer in the Japanese Navy and led the planes in the December 7 attack, is in America to take missionary training for a year. He will also learn to fly a helicopter which he hopes to use in his gospel work on his return to Japan. Mr. Fuchida's conversion to Christianity was under the ministry of an American missionary, the Rev. Timothy Pietsch, who is accompanying him on his trip to America.

NOTES FROM THE NEWS

In the four weeks' Billy Graham Campaign in Pittsburgh, total attendance reached 263,500, for an average nightly attendance of 10,134. There were 5,988 recorded decisions for Christ. This was the first united crusade in Pittsburgh since Billy Sunday meetings in 1913. The next Billy Graham Campaign opens in Albuquerque, November 2.

Sixty-three religious bodies now ordain women for the ministry and have 2,869 women pastors and a total of 5,791 women ordained or licensed.

NATIONAL NEWS

Gospel Invasion Reaches 20,000 Homes

LOS ANGELES, Calif. (EP) Angelus Temple, home church of the Four-square Gospel organization, launched a "gospel invasion" of its area, sending 300 workers from all departments of the Church and the LIFE Bible College out to do house-to-house calling on two successive Sundays. The invasion was directed by the Rev. Carl Purdy, visitation specialist, and workers from the Temple made 20,000 calls, discovering 800 good prospects who were interested in attending Angelus Temple. A follow-up campaign was immediately launched, and 100 workers are to be sent out on regular visitation at least one night each week. Workers were arranged into teams under the direction of 62 captains, and a definite mapping of the city was followed in the invasion.

LONG BEACH REVIVAL SUCCESSFUL

LONG BEACH, Calif. (EP) Almost 500 first-time professions of faith were recorded during the Appelman Evangelistic Crusade here, September 29-October 19, in a mammoth 4,000-capacity tent, sponsored by the Long Beach Evangelistic Association. Karl Williams was general chairman of the Crusade.

"It is one of the greatest miracles I have ever witnessed in my ministry," Dr. Hyman J. Appelman, the evangelist, reported. "God superbly undertook."

Four Jewish persons, one a Congressional Medal winner, were among the converts. Others included a couple who were DP's in the concentration camps of Germany; a would-be suicide. Some 2,000 persons were dealt with in the inquiry room. Noonday services at First Baptist Church attracted large crowds to hear the noted Jewish evangelist discuss "Revival and the Holy Spirit." A preachers' prayer meeting was held daily from 11:15 a.m. until noon.

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The Church of God Evangel

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Ole Jack Means, school trustee	Jack Johnson
Sarah Jane, his wife	Maxine Roach
Bud, their son	Bill Sheeks
Mirandy, their daughter	Jackie Harris
Ralph Hartsook, the schoolmaster	Donald Hodges
Hannah Thomson, the bound girl	Arletta Fields
Betsy Short, Mirandy's friend	Jerry Head
Squire Hawkins, a former schoolmaster	Harold Dunnavan
Martha Hawkins, the squire's niece	Alva Jean Morris
Jeems Buchanan, spelling team captain	Floyd Carey
Jeems Phillips, champion speller	Charles Sherrill
Larkin Lanharn, spelling team captain	John Wynkoop
Odie Singer, a speller	Don Hill
Von Schroeder, "The Dutchman"	Chris Moree
Mrs. Von Schroeder, his wife	Sylvia Broxton
Pete Jones, a rascal	Lawrence Walston
Dr. Small, a villain	Dan Hall
Granny Sanders, a witch doctor	June Glover
Reverend Bosaw, a preacher	Jim Merriman
Squire Underwood, trial magistrate	Charles Taylor
Attorney Bronson, prosecutor	Jack Little
A Constable	Cecil Looney
Mr. Pearson, an old soldier	Harry Medford
"General Andrew Jackson" (Tom Bifield)	Ronald Hale
Walter Johnson, apprenticed to Dr. Small	Carl McDaniel
Mrs. Thomson, Hannah's mother	Nelda King

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Sevierville, Tennessee

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our boys and girls on Christmas morning. Plan now what you will do, and, if possible, let us hear from you not later than December 18.

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Anyone having relatives or friends in or around Morgantown, West Virginia, please write us their names and addresses. We would like to establish a new Church of God in or around that area. Write to: Rev. J. F. O'Hara, District Overseer, 320 South 24th Street Clarksburg, West Virginia.

Will the sister in Jamaica who wrote Rev. and Mrs. Robert Johnson a letter of sympathy after their little girl was killed by a tractor last June please write to me?—Mrs. C. W. Jackson, Rt. 3, Box 303, Calhoun, Georgia.

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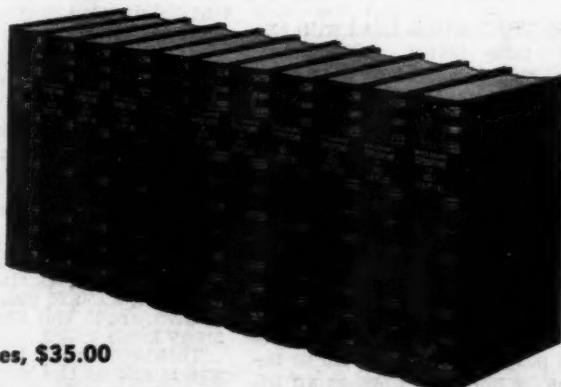
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